Issue: 15-05 August 5, 2005

IN THIS ISSUE

2005 ND Wheat Varieties 2005 ND Barley Varieties Agricultural Prices

2005 WHEAT VARIETIES

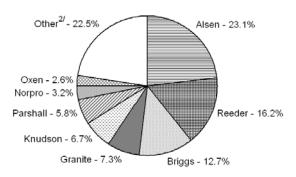
orth Dakota Alsen is the leading spring wheat variety in North Dakota for the fourth consecutive year with 23.1 percent of 2005's planted acreage. It is planted on more than 1.5 million acres. Reeder and Briggs remain second and third. Granite jumps from eighth in 2004 to fourth. Knudson stays fifth and Parshall falls to sixth from fourth last year. These top six varieties account for 71.8 percent of the planted acreage. North Dakota continues to rank first in spring wheat planted acreage in the United States with 48.2 percent of the nation's total.

Lebsock, Mountrail and Ben keep their three durum planted acreage rankings in order, first to third. These top three varieties make up 70.2 percent of North Dakota's durum planted acreage. Pierce ranks fourth, a climb from eighth in 2004. The leading four durum varieties are all North Dakota releases. Monroe drops eight places from fourth last year to twelfth in 2005. Once again, North Dakota ranks first in durum planted acreage in the United States with 70.0 percent of the nation's total.

Jerry has 32.6 percent of the 2005 winter wheat acreage, leading for the second year. CDC Falcon jumps from ninth last year to second in 2005. Previously unranked, Jagalene debuts in third with 9.5 percent. Following Jagalene in order are Wesley, Ransom and Crimson. These top six varieties account for 74.4 percent of the planted acreage. Jagalene (third) and Crimson (sixth) are only separated by 4.8 percent. This year there are more acres in North Dakota planted to winter wheat than in any year since 1986.

pring Wheat Alsen retains its first place ranking for spring wheat varieties with 23.1 percent of the planted acres. It still leads in the central and all three northern districts. Reeder is second overall for the fourth consecutive year. and leads the southwest, south central and west central districts. It has 16.2 percent of the statewide planted acreage. Briggs is third in the state with 12.7 percent of the spring wheat acreage. **Granite** ranks fourth with 7.3 percent of the planted acreage.

Spring Wheat Varieties Percent[®] of Total Planted North Dakota, 2005



1/ Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding. 2/ Other includes other varieties not listed and unknown varieties.

Lebsock ranks first among durum wheat varieties planted in North Dakota for 2005. Planted on 28.3 percent of the total acreage, it claims the largest single variety share since 2000 when Ben had 29.0 percent. Mountrail is now second overall with 25.5 percent of the durum acreage. It leads the northwest district for the fourth straight year. Ben is third in the state with 16.4 percent of the durum acreage; its popularity leads the east central and southwest districts. Pierce places fourth, earning its highest ranking with 6.4 percent of this year's planted acreage.

Spring Wheat Varieties
Percent ^{1/} of Acreage Planted, North Dakota, 2001-2005

		2002	2003	2004	2005		
Variety	2001				Pct.	Acres Planted	
Alsen Reeder Briggs Granite Knudson Parshall Norpro Oxen Freyr Hanna Steele ND Oklee Dapps Grandin Gunner 2375 Russ Amidon Trooper McKenzie Butte 86 Walworth Other 21	6.7 4.3 0.0 0.0 0.0 6.7 0.4 8.2 0.0 0.0 0.0 2.6 16.1 6.8 18.2 3.9 0.0 1.0 1.2 0.0 23.9	30.8 8.6 0.0 0.0 0.1 7.9 3.1 7.6 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 1.6 9.1 3.4 6.0 1.8 0.0 1.0 1.1 0.5	Percent 37.4 12.4 1.5 0.6 1.0 9.4 5.9 0.0 0.3 0.0 0.0 1.8 3.0 1.8 3.7 0.9 0.0 0.2 1.10 2.0	28.9 13.3 7.6 3.4 6.7 7.1 4.6 4.4 0.0 0.9 0.0 0.3 0.0 1.5 1.7 2.7 1.0 0.0 0.2 0.7 1.7	23.1 16.2 12.7 7.3 6.7 5.8 3.2 2.6 1.6 1.4 1.4 1.2 1.1 0.9 0.8 0.7 0.6 0.5 7.9	- 1,000 - 1,572.0 1,102.6 864.9 494.8 453.9 394.3 214.7 173.7 108.5 107.5 98.5 93.1 83.4 80.3 72.9 64.6 64.5 54.7 50.0 40.7 37.0 33.6 539.8	
All Varieties	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	6,800.0	

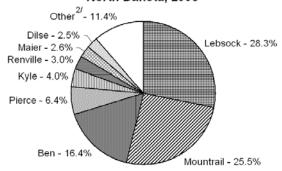
^{1/} Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding. 2/ Other includes varieties not listed and unknown varieties.

Durum Wheat Varieties
Percent ^{1/} of Acreage Planted, North Dakota, 2001-2005

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005		
Variety					Pct.	Acres Planted	
			- 1,000 -				
Lebsock	3.2	15.8	22.9	27.9	28.3	509.1	
Mountrail	7.9	14.0	21.8	21.3	25.5	459.7	
Ben	27.5	26.0	23.8	20.2	16.4	295.0	
Pierce	0.0	0.0	1.5	2.9	6.4	114.7	
Kyle	6.2	7.8	5.3	4.1	4.0	72.0	
Renville	20.6	7.6	5.0	3.7	3.0	53.1	
Maier	3.0	3.2	3.1	3.7	2.6	46.1	
Dilse	0.0	0.0	0.6	2.0	2.5	45.0	
Plaza	0.0	1.6	2.0	1.1	2.0	36.0	
Munich	8.0	4.2	2.7	1.4	1.9	34.3	
Vic	2.2	2.5	0.9	1.5	1.2	22.3	
Monroe	7.3	7.8	4.3	4.2	1.1	20.7	
Ward	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.8	1.0	17.1	
Grande Doro	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	11.3	
AC Avonlea	0.0	1.9	0.3	0.2	0.4	7.3	
Other 2/	13.7	7.3	5.5	5.2	3.1	56.2	
All Varieties	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1,800.0	

^{1/} Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding. 2/ Other includes varieties not listed and unknown varieties.

Durum Wheat Varieties Percent¹¹ of Total Planted North Dakota, 2005



^{1/} Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding. 2/ Other includes other varieties not listed and unknown varieties.

2005 NORTH DAKOTA BARLEY VARIETIES

North Dakota
North Dakota continues to rank first in barley planted acreage in the United States, with 31.5 percent of the nation's total. Planted acres in North Dakota are 1.25 million in 2005, down from 1.60 million in 2004. In 2005, there are 3.97 million planted acres in the United States compared to more than 4.52 million in 2004.

Robust continues to be the most popular barley variety in North Dakota by a substantial margin. It accounts for 37.4 percent of the total barley acres planted. Robust is the leading variety in all districts, except the southwest. Lacey ranks second for 2005, up again from third last year. It represents 17.2 percent of the total barley acres planted. Legacy is now third, down from second in 2004. It

Barley Varieties Percent ^{1/} of Acreage Planted, North Dakota, 2001-2005

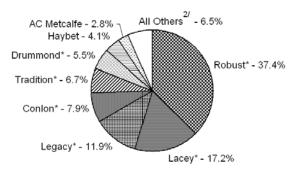
					2005		
Variety	2001	2002	2003	2004	Pct.	Acres Planted	
	-	- 1,000 -					
Robust*	81.2	59.6	54.9	43.7	37.4	466.9	
Lacey*	0.6	13.2	15.8	12.0	17.2	214.5	
Legacy*	0.1	2.2	6.6	13.1	11.9	149.3	
Conlon*	5.5	10.6	11.9	7.5	7.9	98.1	
Tradition*	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.4	6.7	84.0	
Drummond*	0.8	1.9	1.4	5.5	5.5	69.3	
Haybet	1.6	1.9	2.1	3.5	4.1	50.8	
AC Metcalfe	0.0	0.0	0.2	3.0	2.8	34.7	
Bowman	1.6	1.8	0.5	0.7	1.2	14.4	
Westford	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.3	1.0	11.9	
Stander	2.1	2.8	0.5	0.6	8.0	9.6	
Stark	1.8	1.2	0.7	0.3	0.6	7.5	
Other 2/	4.7	4.6	5.1	6.4	3.1	38.8	
All Varieties	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1,250.0	

I/Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding. 2/ Other includes other varieties not listed and unknown varieties. * Recommended in North Dakota for malting by the American Malting Barley Association for 2005.

represents 11.9 percent of the total barley acres planted in North Dakota.

Haybet is the most popular feed variety for the third consecutive year, seventh overall in 2005. Grown primarily in the west central and southwest districts, more than 50,000 acres are planted this year. AC Metcalfe places second among varieties the American Malting Barley Association does not currently recommend in North Dakota for malting, and eighth overall with 2.8 percent of the total acres planted. Bowman is the third most popular other variety in 2005; the feed variety is ninth overall. Grown throughout the southwestern half of the state, more than 14,000 acres are planted this year.

Barley Varieties Percent[®] of Total Planted North Dakota, 2005



^{1/} Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding. 2/ Other includes other varieties not listed and unknown varieties. *Recommended in North Dakota for malting by the American Malting Barley Association for 2005.

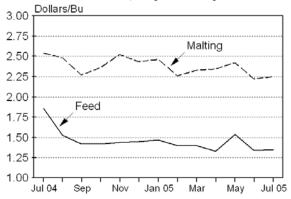
orth Dakota

The Index of Prices Received for All Farm Products in July is 116 percent of the 1990-1992 base. This is down 3 percent from last year but 8 percent above wo years ago. The All Crops Index, at 114 percent of the

two years ago. The All Crops Index, at 114 percent of the base, is down 5 percent from July 2004 while the All Livestock Index, at 119 percent, is up 3 percent from last year. July indexes are calculated using preliminary mid-month prices.

The June Index of Prices Received for All Farm Products, recalculated with full month prices, was 114 percent of the base, down 3 percent from June 2004. The All Crops Index, at 112 percent, was down 6 percent from the previous year while the All Livestock Index, at 119 percent, was up 5 percent.

Barley Prices Received by Farmers North Dakota, July 2004-July 2005



Prices Received by Farmers, July 2005

		North Dakota			United States			Effective
Item	Unit	Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary	U.S. Parity
		July 2004	June 2005	July 2005	July 2004	June 2005	July 2005	Price July 2005
		Dollars		Dollars			- Dollars -	
Wheat, All	Bu	3.51	3.51	3.43	3.37	3.23	3.25	10.40
Durum	Bu	3.91	3.70	3.45	4.09	3.67	3.52	
Other Spring	Bu	3.38	3.47	3.45	3.55	3.53	3.51	
Winter	Bu	3.53	2.70	2.60	3.31	3.15	3.20	
Corn	Bu	2.52	1.87	1.95	2.51	2.03	2.15	6.95
Rye	Bu	2.65						6.63
Oats	Bu	1.18			1.36	1.91	1.63	4.13
Barley, All	Bu	2.42	1.97	1.98	2.54	2.57	2.27	7.05
Feed	Bu	1.86	1.34	1.35	2.21	2.07	1.80	
Malting	Bu	2.54	2.22	2.25	2.68	2.88	2.60	
Sunflower, All	Cwt	13.60	16.10	16.00	13.30	15.60	15.70	
Oil	Cwt	12.40	14.60	14.00				
Non-oil	Cwt	17.70	20.70	19.80				
Baled Hay, All 1/	Ton	63.00	56.00	54.00	90.40	102.00	99.70	
Alfalfa 1/	Ton	66.00	63.00	59.00	98.40	112.00	109.00	
Other 1/	Ton	50.00	41.00	40.00	70.90	73.60	75.90	
Canola	Cwt	12.90	10.50					
Flaxseed	Bu	7.33	11.20	10.00	7.33	11.20	10.00	14.10
Soybeans	Bu	7.56	6.27	6.50	8.46	6.58	6.84	16.80
Dry Edible Beans, All	Cwt	17.90	22.90	21.70	19.20	37.50	24.40	52.70
Navy	Cwt	18.90	24.10					
Pinto	Cwt	17.50	23.30					
Potatoes, All	Cwt	5.60	6.10		6.46	7.66	8.73	15.70
Fresh 2/	Cwt		5.85		9.12	11.86		
Processing	Cwt	5.60	6.20		5.13	5.66		
Beef Cattle	Cwt	69.50	76.60	74.70	88.10	88.50	86.30	180.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	100.00	104.00	102.00	91.40	91.90	89.60	
Cows	Cwt	57.60	60.50	60.00	56.30	57.00	55.60	
Calves	Cwt	139.00	135.00	133.00	130.00	138.00	133.00	245.00
Sheep	Cwt	32.00	40.00		37.10	40.90		88.20
Lambs	Cwt	103.00	118.00		101.00	114.00		219.00
Hogs	Cwt	57.30	51.20		57.10	49.60	49.30	112.00

1/ Alfalfa, other and all hay are preliminary prices only. 2/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES (Continued) =

Index Numbers of Farm Prices, July 2005

Indexes	North Dakota			United States			
and Ratios	July 2004	June 2005	July 2005	July 2004	June 2005	July 2005	
Prices Received	(1990-92 = 100)						
All Farm Products	119	114	116	124	120	119	
Crops	120	112	114	120	122	119	
Food Grains	125	113	122	115	108	109	
Feed Grains & Hay	122	94	100	113	103	107	
Oil Bearing Crops 1/	133	133	131	151	119	123	
Potatoes & Dry Beans 2/	90	100	92	109	133	147	
Livestock	116	119	119	128	118	118	
Meat Animals	111	116	116	121	119	116	
Dairy Products	134	137	134	123	111	113	
Other Livestock Products 3/	113	113	113	144	123	126	
Prices Paid				135	140	140	
Ratio 4/				92	86	85	

1/ Includes non-oil sunflower. 2/ North Dakota includes sugarbeets. 3/ United States excludes wool. 4/ Ratio of Index of Prices Received to Index of Prices Paid.

▼ nited States

The July All Farm Products Index is 119 percent of its 1990-92 base, down 1 percent from the June index and 4 percent below the July 2004 index. The All Crops Index is 119, down 2 percent from June and 1 percent below July 2004.

The Food Grains Index, at 109, is 1 percent above the previous month but 5 percent below July 2004. The Feed Grains and Hay Index is 107, up 4 percent from last month but 5 percent below July 2004.

The Oil-Bearing Crops Index, at 123, is 3 percent above June but 19 percent lower than July 2004. The Livestock and Products Index, at 118, is unchanged from last month but down 8 percent from July 2004.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

DEFICIAL BUSINESS
Penalty for Private Use, \$300

USDA, NASS, North Dakota Field Office PO BOX 3166 FARGO ND 58108-3166

PRSRT STD POSTAGE & FEES PAID USDA PERMIT NO G-38